



The official e-newsletter for the ND Solid Waste Management Association

## E-newsletter Takes Shape

After the NDSWMA Board of Directors met in January, it was decided that the best way to get timely information out to our members, without sending a lengthy e-mail, was to provide these tidbits in an e-newsletter format that would be able to be easily read by our membership. If you have information to submit that may not make it in time for our quarterly newsletter, send clips, comments, pictures and more to Angela Boeshans at [aboeshans@ci.fargo.nd.us](mailto:aboeshans@ci.fargo.nd.us)

## Landfill Operator Training

Bismarck's Environmental Training Center will be filled with landfill operators from March 2-5, 2004. Per the ND Solid Waste Management Rules, all municipal solid waste landfills and municipal waste incinerators must have a certified operator on site at all times during facility operation. Personnel will learn about site selection, construction, operation, closure, groundwater monitoring and financial assurance. The course and exam are offered at a rate of \$65 per person. Call Brad Torgerson at (701) 328-5166 to register; for more information visit: <http://www.health.state.nd.us/ndhd/environ/wm/swp/sweat.htm>

Visit the NDSWMA's Web site at [www.ndswma.org](http://www.ndswma.org) for news, board meeting minutes, our calendar of events, related links and more.

The next NDSWMA board meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Call Angela at (701) 298-6944 to join the call.

## Learn More about Meth Waste

The next Haulers Collection Workshop will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7p.m. at Marketplace on 8<sup>th</sup> in Grafton, ND. The workshop will cover Meth and Safety Training by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Drug Task Force. Pizza will be provided; members can attend free; non-members are \$10.00. Contact Mary Aldrich at (701) 293-8428 or at [maldrich@minnkotarecycling.com](mailto:maldrich@minnkotarecycling.com) for more information or to register.

## ARD and KNDC Tidbits

The green recycling bins are in for those schools that participated in the North Dakota Recycles Challenge in November 2003. Contact Angela Boeshans at (701) 298-6944 or Kent Belland at (701) 328-5266 to pick up a bin.

The NDSWMA will be a co-sponsor with the ND Department of Health's Division of Waste Management for grade 4 in the Keep North Dakota Clean Poster Contest. This year's theme for 4<sup>th</sup> grade is "Pollution Prevention for our Future."



Don't forget to mark your calendar for the ND Solid Waste and Recycling Symposium: September 14-16, 2004 in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

# Compost Workshop

Everything pertinent to the successful and profitable operation of a compost facility will be covered at *Midwest Bio-Systems'* March 31st (6:00 p.m. start) to April 2nd Compost Workshop at the Princeton Metro Center in Princeton, Illinois.



Subjects to be covered will include:

- **The science of humified compost**--much of "industry standard" compost never goes through humification. Yet if organic matter undergoes humification, many composting problems are solved and the value of the finished product greatly enhanced. Learn to manage this process and consistently achieve desired humification levels for high impact to the soil and plant.
- **Humus based soil fertility**--learn to connect with the end user and receive the true dollar value for a quality compost product. High quality compost's value to the soil is minimized if a simple N-P-K analysis is used to determine value. Learn the balanced soil fertility approach including the physical, biological, and chemical keys to success. Reduce expenses and increasing income.
- **The Advanced Composting System (ACS)**. Learn the steps for achieving the desired microbial diversity, enumeration, and optimal aerobic: anaerobic ratios in the finished product for maximum soil/plant impact.
- **The essentials** of recipe formation, synchronizing decomposition rates, aeration, moisture management, and testing procedures.
- **Marketing** high quality compost to an uninformed public...and much more!

All participants receive an extensive ten section notebook. To receive a workshop brochure, call 800-689-0714 or email [mbscustomerservice@emypeople.net](mailto:mbscustomerservice@emypeople.net). If you like, you can register using either of these two points of contact.



## Board Member Spotlight

### Inert Landfill Public Meeting

A public meeting regarding the West Fargo Inert Landfill will be held at 7 p.m. in the West Fargo Commission room. Currently, the site is closed (not accepting waste).

In order for our membership to know the board of directors better, each of the e-newsletters will feature a different board member. The next time you need some information on Bismarck's recycling program, you'll know who to turn to!

**Name:** Galen Bren

**Position:** Waste Reduction, Diversion & Recycling Specialist, City of Bismarck

**Duties:** City recycling trailers, student and public education, assists with automated garbage carts, member of the Home Builders Association

**Best thing about job:** co-workers and the public

**Before this job:** spent 18 years with Montana-Dakota Utilities and 2 years with Andy's Commercial Sanitation

**Grew up in:** Dickinson, ND

**Enjoys:** fishing, movies, pontooning on the river, cycle riding and spending time with family and grandson



### Bismarck Seeks Scrap Metal Outlet

The City of Bismarck's Public Works Department is seeking qualified companies to handle and recycle scrap metal along with "good" iron and aluminum cans. Contact Galen Bren at (701) 250-7786 or at [gbren@state.nd.us](mailto:gbren@state.nd.us); the City will accept bid proposals until 1:30 p.m. on February 25<sup>th</sup>.